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SOURCE

1. Tesla Lanskroun N 49-54, E 16-377 was mostly engaged in production for military purposes.

2. Another plant, Kablo-Topolcany N 48-34, E 18-117 produced carbon brushes for electric motors. The production was steady but below the planned schedule.

3. Another plant, Optimit, National Enterprise, at Odry N 49-40, E 17-507 produced rubber die castings. This plant was supposed to supply all Moravia with die castings from soft rubber. MEZ Zidenice approached this plant for the first time in November 1952 to order a certain type of rubber die casting to divide the cable coming from the dynamo into three single routes (1. 1.-, and 1 ground). This cable was for dynamos marked ZG-51 and ZG-52. The Optimit plant refused several times, for the last time in February 1953, to accept this order, claiming that it had too many military orders which had priority over civilian industry. The Optimit plant was an older factory which was rebuilt several times. There were 4,000 to 5,000 persons employed there.

4. I know that Rubena at Nachod N 50-25, E 16-107 and Gumokov at Hradec Kralove were engaged in the same type of production as was the Optimit plant mentioned above and had to supply all Bohemia. I do not know which plant in this field was to supply Slovakia.

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5. Matador in Bratislava produced die castings from hard rubber. This was the only factory of this kind in Czechoslovakia. In addition to rubber die castings rubber conveyor belts were also produced there. The MEZ Zidenice plant purchased rubber die castings for electric motors but I do not know the exact use of these materials nor any details.
6. Gumotex, Breclav /N 48-46, E 16-537, Brno Kralovo pole Plant, located at, I think, Podebradova St. #54-58, produced rubber plates and technical hose mainly. The MEZ Zidenice plant purchased hoses which were cut into pieces at the plant to make cushions for electric motors. The Gumotex Brno plant was a small factory and had about 40 people employed there.
7. In August 1952 there was a new factory under construction in Zlate Moravce /N 48-23, E 18-247 for the production of refrigerators. At that time the factory was only in partial operation.

Comment:

A list of factories in the heavy electrical industry was given in [redacted]. This report deals with the second branch of the Czechoslovak electrical industry, the so-called light electrical industry, represented by various Tesla enterprises and by some other enterprises. This report represents the only information [redacted] on this branch of the electrical industry.

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